

**Amendments to the specification**

**Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 37 to page 7, line 7, as follows:**

Q1 Following this, when the print data is written in the spool file 7, the device control [[file]] filter 8 is activated and reads out the print data written in the spool file 7 for analysis and conversion thereof. Then, the device control filter 8 analyzes and processes the print data and converts the data into a print format for the printer 2. The data processed herein is sent to the printer 2 for printing.

**Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 33, as follows:**

Q2 Here, if the device control [[file]] filter 8 is designed to read out completely the print data that has been written in the spool file 7 under a file name in question, even if the flag becomes 0 while the print data of the print job in question is being analyzed and processed, there is no risk of the printing of the relevant print job being interrupted.

**Amendments to the drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 5. In particular, step S4 of Fig. 5 has been amended to change "FORCED RELEASE FLAG = OFF" to --FORCED HOLD FLAG = OFF--.